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SUBJECT: SANKEI TELEPHONE POLL ON FRENCH-PRC NUCLEAR TESTS

SUMMARY: JUNE 21 SANKEI PUBLISHED RESULTS OF TELEPHONE POLL CONDUCTED JUNE 19 WITH 870 TOKYO-OSAKA RESPONDENTS. A LARGE MAJORITY 80 PERCENT CRITICAL OF FRENCH TEST EXPRESSING EITHER ABSOLUTELY UNPARDONABLE (51 PERCENT) OR REGRETTABLE (29 PERCENT). PRC TEST DREW SIMILAR OPPOSITION WITH ABSOLUTELY UNPARDONABLE (52 PERCENT) AND REGRETTABLE (28 PERCENT). A SINGLE MAJORITY 72 PERCENT HELD VIEW THAT US AND SOVIET UNDERGROUND TESTS SHOULD TOTALLY BE STOPPED RATHER THAN SETTING LIMIT TO THEIR SCOPE. ASKED WHETHER WE SHOULD DRAW DISTINCTION BETWEEN NUCLEAR TESTS BY FREE NATIONS AND THOSE OF SOCIALIST STATES 75 PERCENT SAID THAT THERE IS NO NEED TO DRAW ANY DISTINCTION. 34 PERCENT FELT "UNEASY" THAT JAPAN HAS NO NUCLEAR WEAPONS OF ITS OWN, WHILE 63 PERCENT FELT NO SUCH ANXIETY. A MAJORITY 72 PERCENT HELD THAT NUCLEAR POWERS WILL FURTHER INCREASE IN A FEW YEARS. END SUMMARY.

1. WHAT IS YOUR OPINION ABOUT ATMOSPHERIC NUCLEAR TEST CARRIED OUT BY FRANCE JUNE 17? (A) ABSOLUTELY UNPARDONABLE 51; (B) REGRETTABLE 29; (C) CANNOT BE HELPED 8; (D) DO NOT CARE 3; (E) NA 9.

2. CHINA ALSO CONDUCTED ATMOSPHERIC NUCLEAR TEST JUNE 17. WHAT DO
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YOU THINK ABOUT IT? (A) ABSOLUTELY UNPARDONABLE 52; (B)

REGRETTABLE 28; (C) CANNOT BE HELPED 9; (D) DO NOT CARE 3;
(E) NA 8.

3. SUPPOSE THE US AND THE SOVIET UNION AGREE TO STOP SUCH UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR TESTS THAT EXCEED A CERTAIN LIMIT, WHAT DO YOU THINK? (A) WHOLEHEARTEDLY WELCOME IT BECAUSE IT MAY HELP REDUCE NUCLEAR TESTS EVEN IF LITTLE 20; (B) TESTS SHOULD TOTALLY BE STOPPED RATHER THAN SETTING ANY LIMIT 72; (C) NO NEED TO STOP TESTS 2; NA 6.

4. DO YOU THINK WE SHOULD DRAW ANY DISTINCTION BETWEEN NUCLEAR TESTS CARRIED OUT BY SUCH NUCLEAR POWERS AS THE US AND THE SOVIET UNION AND THOSE BY NUCLEAR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES OF FRANCE, CHINA, AND OTHERS? (A) SHOULD DRAW DISTINCTION 13; (B) NO NEED TO DRAW DISTINCTION 73; (C) NA 14.

5. DO YOU THINK WE SHOULD DRAW ANY DISTINCTION BETWEEN NUCLEAR TESTS CARRIED OUT BY FREE NATIONS AND THOSE BY SOCIALIST STATES? (A) SHOULD DRAW DISTINCTION 12; (B) NO NEED TO DRAW DISTINCTION 75; NA 13.

6. DO YOU FEEL UNEASY OVER THE FACT THAT JAPAN POSSESS NO NUCLEAR ARMS OF ITS OWN, OR DON'T YOU FEEL THAT WAY? (A) VERY UNEASY 7; (B) SOMEWHAT UNEASY 27; (C) NOT TOO UNEASY 28; (D) NOT UNEASY AT ALL 35; (E) NA 3.

7. DO YOU FEEL CONCERN ABOUT POSSIBILITY THAT NUCLEAR COUNTRIES MAY FURTHER INCREASE IN A FEW YEARS, OR DO YOU THINK FURTHER INCREASE UNLIKELY? (A) MAY FURTHER INCREASE 72; (B) FURTHER INCREASE UNLIKELY 10; (C) CANNOT SAY EITHER WAY 14; (D) NA 4.

8. SOME PEOPLE SAY THAT JAPAN AS ONE AND ONLY COUNTRY IN WORLD TO HAVE SUFFERED ATOMIC BOMB SHOULD STRIVE FOR CAUSE OF NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT BY APPEALING IN FUTURE TO STOP ANY NUCLEAR TEST BY ANY COUNTRY. WHAT IS YOUR OPINION ON IT? (A) AGREE 81; (B) DON'T THINK SO 8; (C) NA 11.

9. IF AGENCY INTERESTED ACQUIRING PRINTOUT OF THIS POLL, COPY AVAILABLE 10,000 YEN. ADVISE FISCAL DATA.

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